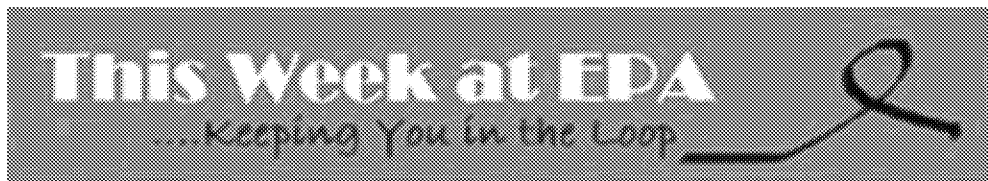


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happening this week

LGBT Brown Bag: Announcing the new gender-neutral restroom! (3/12/19). Please join the LGBT Special Emphasis Program as we celebrate the completion of the building's first gender-neutral restroom. We'll gather together to watch a short video highlighting the importance of having safe, single stall restrooms available to all, followed by a chance to share our thoughts. From 12:00-1:00 pm in the Rocky Mountain/Sagebrush room (no call-in number).

Source Water Protection Brownbag (3/13/19). The Source Water Protection Program and our many partners invite you to Denver Water's Source Water Protection Planning Brown Bag! Join Alison Witheridge, Watershed Scientist with Denver Water and learn about their challenges and what they are doing to keep the water we drink clean and safe while it is still out in our watershed. From 11-12 in the Bison Room. Contact: Marcella Hutchinson at 312-6753.

upcoming events

Dog Days (3/19/19). Come visit the therapy dogs in the conference center from 11 am to noon.

Save the date for the next R8 All Hands meeting (3/28/19). It will be held in the conference center from 10-11 a.m. with Skype and call in available for lab, Montana and remote workers. Stay tuned for more details.

Training: Presentation Skills. April 16, 2019 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm in the conference center. [Click here](#) for more details and registration information.

Database Training and Workshop: Level 1 Plus. Come learn or refresh your knowledge of using databases, such as: understanding relational & primary key structures, working with queries to retrieve information, and building reports and forms in a Microsoft Access application. This workshop is hands-on, instructor led training. Bring your laptop! This is a 7-hr course, divided into 2 days (April 24th & 25th from 9 am—12:30 pm). [Click here](#) for the course outline. Register for both half-day sessions in [FedTalent](#). For registration assistance, please contact Nobe Hattori at 312-6303.

Green Dot Bystander Intervention training has been rescheduled for April 29 through May 2. This training is an opportunity to develop skills to strengthen the safe, supportive culture we're fostering in Region 8. The Green Dot Bystander Intervention training will give you the knowledge and skills to take action if you

witness, or are a bystander to, actions that do not support our values. For more information and to register, please see the [Bystander Training page on our 8Net](#).



LGBT Special Emphasis Program (SEP) Seeking a Co-Manager. Interested in LGBT issues? Looking to get more involved in the region and make connections outside your current work life? Volunteer to help lead the LGBT SEP! Current co-manager, Mai Denawa, will be stepping down soon and we are hoping to fill this position with a motivated, passionate individual who can devote 10% of their time to promoting diversity and inclusion in the region. This position is open to non-supervisory staff with the concurrence of their current manager. Please email [Missy Haniewicz](#) or [Mario Merida](#) for details or to apply. Include in your application email: why you are interested in the position; explain if there is a specific area of interest for LGBT advocacy that you would like to champion as a co-manager; and if you have any suggestions for improving the work of the SEP. Responses will be collected until March 22.

AAPI Special Emphasis Program (SEP) Seeking Special Emphasis Program Manager (SEPM). Interested in Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) issues? Looking to get more involved in the region and make connections outside your current work life? Volunteer to help lead the AAPI SEP! Our current co-managers, Gary Wang and James Hou, are stepping down after a 3 year term as SEPMs. We are seeking to fill this position with motivated, passionate individuals who are interested in promoting diversity and inclusion in the region. An individual SEPM would be able to devote up to 20% of their time towards filling this role, and if the position is co-managed by two people, each person would be able to devote up to 10% of their time. This position is open to non-supervisory staff with the concurrence of their current manager. Please email [Mario Merida](#) for details or to apply. Include in your application email: why you are interested in the position; explain if there is a specific area of interest for AAPI advocacy that you would like to champion as a manager/co-manager; and if you have any suggestions for improving the work of the SEP. Responses will be collected until March 29.

Still interested in the Colorado Federal Executive Board (CFEB) interagency rotation program? Applications are due March 14th. [Click here](#) for details.

Do you know about the Guaranteed Ride Home program? By reducing the fear of being stranded at work in an emergency, Guaranteed Ride Home encourages employees to use commuting options other than driving alone. [Click here](#) for more information and instructions.

Reminders for Fire, Life, Safety. On March 4, 2019, Infrastructure conducted its quarterly inspection of EPA space at Wynkoop for Fire, Life, Safety (FLS) issues. We want to remind staff to please abide by [these simple rules](#) to help protect our work force.

New Instructions for Video Teleconference (VTC). As of March 2019, all VTC requests through RTP need to be made through the National Enterprise VTC Request Form: https://ismcgepa.service-now.com/epa?id=sc_category&sys_id=5a3a1cfd0b6b0b40ef13fd0d0f961910. VTC requests through HQ's need to be completed by the requestor, as it is associated with the user ID. For changes or updates to previously scheduled VTCs, please send those changes to epavtc@epa.gov.

TSP Webinars. The Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board is sponsoring several FREE Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) webinars. These events require registration. All events are hosted by Randy Urban, TSP Training and Liaison Specialist. [Click here](#) for dates, times and registration information.

Important reminders for Travel Card holders. [Click here](#) for some important information about the GSA's SmartPay 3 Program for travel.

***Want to post an announcement in This Week at EPA?** If you wish to have your announcement featured in This Week at EPA, it must be submitted via this [webform](#) by 3:00 pm Thursday for posting the following Monday. The same form is used for submitting information for 8net bulletins and events, and requests for use of the Atrium. See the Communications 8net page and open the accordion section titled "Internal Communications" for complete details. If you have questions, call Whitney Trulove at 312-6099.*